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**Pathways for Parents** can help you begin a career in an Early Learning setting:

## WHAT AND HOW THIS WORKS:

- Start a career as a Teacher or Teacher's assistant within an early learning setting.
- Complete a Basic Certificate, Advanced Certificate or Associates Degree in Early Childhood Education
- Learn with a cohort of other parents and people in the community
- Continue on to a Bachelor's Degree and more
- Two college courses provided in your own community at Chicago Commons /online at home
- Scholarship funding and assistance completing applications available
- Chicago Commons provides: dinner, child care, technology, a personalized education program, employment coaching, tutoring and other support services
- After two semesters, complete the rest of the program at Malcolm X College

## WHO:

- Parents, Friends and Chicago Community Members
- Young parents and DACA / Non-DACA recipients
- Individuals who speak English as a second language
- High School Seniors or Students completing a GED

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# Early Learning Scholarship Chicago Common's Pathways for Parents Program

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**Chicago Commons Pathways for Parents' in partnership with City Colleges of Chicago and the Chicago Early Learning Workforce Scholarship want to support students seeking to become Pre-School Teachers and Family Workers. The program helps students begin a career in Early Learning as they complete coursework to earn a credential and/or degree requirements, which will support them to work with young children and families within the Chicago Early Learning community.**

## HOW DOES THE SCHOLARSHIP WORK?

1. **Apply:** The scholarship and program application are available through Chicago Common's Pathways for Parent's Coordinator. Call for more information and registration.

2. **Enrollment:** Enroll in one of our two Early Learning Programs delivered by City Colleges of Chicago and select an approved certificate or degree program:

§ Truman College- (Online/In-Person) Human Development and Family Services (Family Worker) Program  
Basic Certificate, Advanced Certificate, Associates Degree

§ Malcolm X- (Online) Program Child Development Program (Pre-School Teacher) Program  
Basic Certificate, Advanced Certificate, Associates Degree

3. **Work Requirement:** Chicago Early Learning Workforce Scholarship recipients must commit to working in a Chicago Early Learning Program (DFSS-funded community-based organization or CPS birth through Pre-K program including or starting their own home day care in the city of Chicago) for a minimum of three years after the completion of their degree or approved education program.

4. **Amount:** The scholarship will pay for your school tuition and provide you with a textbook voucher. Chicago Early Learning Workforce Scholarship (CELWS) applicants will be required to complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) application process or certify they are ineligible for financial aid for DACA.

## WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

1. Parents, Friends, and Community members who live within the city of Chicago.
2. Chicago Common's Staff and Employee Members
3. DACA/ Non-DACA recipients are Eligible and welcome to apply.
4. High School Seniors/ City Colleges of Chicago GED Students in their last year of study.

## WHO IS NOT ELIGIBLE?

Recipients cannot have any convictions, felonies that would disqualify them from working with children. They must be able to pass an FBI, State of Illinois, and Sex Offender background check. If you have any questions regarding eligibility, please feel free to call for more information.

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